

REMARKS

By this supplemental amendment, claims 2 and 10 are amended and claim 26 added (although the amendment dated August 7, 2003 listed only claims 1-20, claims 21-25 were cancelled in the amendment dated November 28, 2001). Claim 10 is amended to correct a mere typographical error, so as to be dependent on claim 9 as is proper. Support for the amendments and new claim can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed, for instance Example 1 and claim 1. No new matter is added. Therefore, claims 1-2, 9-10 and 26 are presented for further consideration at this time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of any objections and/or rejections.

Applicants wish to again point out the Declaration of Dr. Del Soldato, which was filed with the amendment of August 7, 2003, as demonstrating that flurbiprofen 4-(nitrooxy)butyl ester (compound (IX) of claim 1) (hereinafter "NO-flurbiprofen") is substantially more active than mere flurbiprofen in the treatment of urinary incontinence. In other words, Applicants point to the Declaration as demonstrating unexpected results concerning the treatment of urinary incontinence through the administration of NO-flurbiprofen, as set forth in new claim 26. As demonstrated at Table 1 of the Declaration, the administration of NO-flurbiprofen is able to improve bladder volume by more than twice as much when compared to the administration of mere flurbiprofen. Again, the claimed invention provides for substantial and unexpected improvements with respect to the treatment of urinary incontinence.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks above, as well as the response dated August 7, 2003, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees, which may be required with respect to this paper, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108907-09002.

Respectfully submitted,

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